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SUBJECT: WARREN SPEECH TO UN WATER CONFERENCE

1. DRAFT OF PROPOSED WARREN SPEECH TO UN WATER CONFERENCE
MARCH 15 CONTAINS INACCURATE PASSAGE PAGE SIX REGARDING
COLORADO SALINITY DISPUTE AND GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT.
ARA, EUR, L, AND IO HAVE REVIEWED DRAFT, AND CONCUR
IN FOLLOWING.

2. COLORADO DISPUTE WITH MEXICO, NOW RESOLVED, FOCUSED
ON SALINITY PROBLEM AND THERE WAS NO BILATERAL ISSUE
OF CHEMICAL POLLUTANTS. GARRISON ISSUE IS NOW BEFORE
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION WHICH IS DUE TO REPORT
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IN JUNE. IJC BOARD REPORT INDICATES COSTLY ALTERATIONS
TO PROJECT WHICH MIGHT MEET CANADIAN CONCERNS, SHOULD
ADMINISTRATION ON REVIEW DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT.
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THEREFORE, THE DELETION OF THE
SENTENCE PAGE SIX BEGINNING QUOTE FINALLY, IRRIGATION
PROJECTS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE US UNQUOTE
THROUGH QUOTE CANADIAN WATER QUALITY END OF SENTENCE.

3. IF DELEGATION INSISTS ON REFERENCE TO THESE TWO MATTERS,

DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE
FINALLY, IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART
OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE INCREASED CROP PRODUCTION,
BUT IN DOING SO, LIKE MOST IRRIGATION PROJECTS, HAVE
CAUSED A DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF THE WATER BELOW
THEM, A DETERIORATION FELT IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES
AND MEXICO. A 1973 AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO INSURES
THAT THE QUALITY OF WATERS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEXICO
IS SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED TO US USERS IN SOUTHERN
ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA. YET ANOTHER IRRIGATION PROJECT
IN ONE OF OUR NORTHERN BORDER STATES, WHICH WAS
RECENTLY SUSPENDED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, HAS RAISED
CONCERN AT POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON CANADIAN WATER
QUALITY, A MATTER NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND
CANADA, UNDER A JOINT REFERENCE FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS.
END QUOTE.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO PAGE THREE OF THE DRAFT, DEPARTMENT
ALSO NOTES THAT FEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE SPRING FLOODS IN
NORTHEAST US FROM SNOW MELT HAVE SUBSIDED, AND WHILE
SOME LOCALIZED PROBLEMS ARE POSSIBLE, INVOLVED FEDERAL
AGENCIES NOW PREDICT DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN PARTS OF
NORTHEAST IN COMING MONTHS, INCLUDING FALL IN LEVELS
OF GREAT LAKES.

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